

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1940

The House met at 12 o'clock noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Blessed Lord and Saviour of us all, do Thou hear the whisper of every breast. Reveal unto us that Thy plan is not to lessen our duties but to enlarge our privileges, not to lighten the task but to increase our skill, not to diminish our burdens but to inspire our strength, to give contentment in adversity, and satisfaction in labor. For Thy goodness unto us our human speech has no words. Thou art our Father; enable us to trust when we cannot understand; when a dark cloud banks itself against the sky of hope, enable us to stand and believe that it is a testimony of the divine heart that still beats to the eternal in man. We praise Thee that the zone of Thy fatherhood in its sympathies and provisions is as wide as the races of earth. We rejoice that it is the fatherhood of God and human struggle, the brotherhood of man—eternity. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Monday, November 11, 1940, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baldridge, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 326

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
November 12 (legislative day, September 18), 1940.

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. KEY PITTMAN, late a Senator from the State of Nevada and the President pro tempore of the Senate.

Resolved, That a committee of 20 Senators be appointed by the Acting President pro tempore to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock m. on Friday next.

THE LATE WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD

The Chair laid before the House the following communication, which was read and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Memorials:

NOVEMBER 11, 1940.

The Honorable THE SPEAKER,
House of Representatives.

SIR: There is herewith the letter of the Chief of the Division of Protocol of the Department of State, accompanied by copies of notes which have been sent to the Department of State by members of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps in Washington expressing condolences on the death of the late Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable William B. Bankhead, together with copies of the Department's replies thereto, which accompanied this communication.

Respectfully yours,

SOUTH TRIMBLE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.
By H. NEWLIN MEGILL.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

Mr. JONES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday next, after the reading of the Journal and disposition of matters on the Speaker's desk, I may be permitted to address the House for 20 minutes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas [Mr. JONES]?

Mr. RICH. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, may I say to my friend from Texas that nobody would think of objecting to the request of the gentleman from Texas, who is just about to conclude his term as a Member of Congress. May I say to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. JONES] that we are going to miss him a lot. I hope while on the bench your work will be pleasant and happy. We have enjoyed associating with you in Congress, and I think you are one of the finest fellows I ever met. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas [Mr. JONES]?

There was no objection.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include a radio address I made.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. COCHRAN]?

There was no objection.

Mr. PLUMLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include an editorial.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. PLUMLEY]?

There was no objection.

Mr. BARRY asked and was given permission to extend his own remarks in the RECORD.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

Mr. RICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. RICH]?

There was no objection.

Mr. RICH. Mr. Speaker, I note that the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Morgenthau, states that it is going to be necessary to increase the national debt limit by ten to twenty billion dollars. Evidently the Secretary of the Treasury thinks that the United States Congress is going to be as bad in spending money in the next Congress as the past Congress. I want to say that the incoming Congress should give consideration to the expenditure of our country's funds, and I hope they will not permit the bureaucrats in the various offices in Washington to make requests for the great sums of money that have been requested during the past few years. If they do, Congress should cut down their spending. Something must be done in order to curb the expenditures of the various bureaus if we are going to permit national defense to continue. Something has to be done or we will see one of the greatest catastrophes that ever happened to America, and we cannot permit the further ruthless expenditure of funds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask, Where are we going to get the money if you continue to spend, spend, spend? We must tax, tax, tax, and pay our way. The people of America must know that in order to spend we must earn. Money does not grow on trees, nor do we dig it out of the ground. It was said by the Chief Executive, "Taxes are paid by the sweat of every man that labors." So it is. The future of America depends on a sound Government. So we must be sound financially and sound legislation must be our course. No unethical or unsound methods can go on in our form of government if we are to maintain our liberty and freedom.

"God save America" is our prayer.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include an editorial by Mark Sullivan.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. PITTENGER]?

There was no objection.

Mr. SHANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include an article from the Troy Record of Troy, N. Y., and also one from the Atlanta Journal of October 14.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. SHANNON]?

There was no objection.

Mr. VOORHIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks in the RECORD and to include a portion of an address of the master of the California State Grange.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California [Mr. VOORHIS]?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m., under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, November 18, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2018. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a draft of a proposed bill to amend the act of May 4, 1898, as amended, to authorize the President to appoint additional acting assistant surgeons in time of national emergency; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

2019. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report of contracts awarded under the authority of the act of March 5, 1940; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

2020. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting the draft of a bill to decrease the restriction on the number of enlisted men who may be detailed as students at educational institutions and other places; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

2021. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting a letter of the Chief of the Division of Protocol of the Department of State, accompanied by copies of notes which have been sent to the Department of State by members of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps in Washington expressing condolences on the death of the late Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable William B. Bankhead, together with copies of the Department's replies thereto; to the Committee on Memorials.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII,

Mr. COCHRAN introduced a resolution (H. Res. 630) authorizing an additional assistant to the attending physician's office, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CLUETT:

H. R. 10673. A bill granting an increase of pension to Minnie L. Fitcham; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. THOMASON:

H. R. 10674. A bill for the relief of Jose J. Perez; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. SOMERS of New York:

H. R. 10675. A bill for the relief of Marcus Moses Nathansohn, his wife, Adele Nathansohn, his brother, Jacob Lazar Nathansohn, and his mother, Bela Nathansohn; to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

9372. By Mr. BARTON of New York: Resolution of the Medical Society of the County of New York, deploring an Army regulation in August 1940, limiting commissions in the Medical Corps of the Regular Army and the Reserves to graduates from accredited grade A American and Canadian medical schools; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

9373. Also, petition of the National Association of Post Office Mechanics and affiliated branch, National Association of Postal Custodial Laborers, to override the President's veto of House bill 892; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

9374. By Mr. JONKMAN: Petition of the Lithuanians of Grand Rapids, Mich., Walter J. Morris, chairman, and Frank J. Greicaitis, secretary, stating gratitude to the Government of the United States of America for not recognizing the Soviet occupation of Lithuania and for its support of the right of Lithuania to maintain its independence; condemning com-

munist propaganda and subversive activities of Communists in the United States and pledging assistance to the Government of the United States of America in safeguarding the principles of democracy and the independence of the United States of America; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

9375. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the Eastern Petroleum Co., Inc., opposing the passage of House bill 10637, a bill extending the National Stolen Property Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9376. Also, petition of the Resident Commissioner of the Philippines for pension submitted by the Veterans of the Philippine Constabulary (1901-4) who served in conjunction with the Federal service of the United States Army; to the Committee on Pensions.

SENATE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1940

(Legislative day of Wednesday, September 18, 1940)

The Senate met at 12 o'clock meridian, on the expiration of the recess.

The Chaplain, Rev. Z. Barney T. Phillips, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, our Heavenly Father, whose eternity outlasts all worlds, whose love and tenderness alone survive the clash of centuries: Reveal to us, by sun and candlelight, Thy purpose in each day's most quiet need, that things, both great and small, may find fulfillment in our lives in accordance with Thy mind and heart, for we know that he that doeth the will of the Eternal abideth forever. Do Thou so lead us in these uncertain days that we may never find ourselves driven at the mercy of events. In the sunny hours may we never be unmindful of the approaching shades of night. In the days of our strength may we ever remember that there is no safety save in clinging to the God of our salvation. In the present, which is ours, and in the future, whose secret is alone with Thee, let this be our constant prayer, "Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me." We ask it in our Saviour's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

On request of Mr. HILL, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the calendar day of Tuesday, November 12, 1940, was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States, submitting nominations, were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Latta, one of his secretaries.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR PITTMAN

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. KING) laid before the Senate a cablegram from His Excellency Porfirio Herrera, president of the Senate of the Dominican Republic, expressing the sincere sympathy of the senate of that Republic on the occasion of the death of Hon. Key Pittman, late a Senator from the State of Nevada and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, which was ordered to lie on the table.

SURVEY OF CARTER AND ADJOINING COUNTIES, TENNESSEE

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of War, reporting, in response to Senate Resolution 302, relative to a survey of Carter and adjoining counties in Tennessee damaged by flood on August 13, 1940, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

MILITARY HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR DEFENSE WORKERS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of War, submitting an advance report in response to Senate Resolution 324, requesting the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War to make a full and complete study and investigation of all school facilities at or near navy yards, Army and naval